



## MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

**January 2016 – The next regular MNS meeting will be held Thursday, January 2016, 7 PM, at the Mayfair Mall community room, lower level. In January we will inaugurate our new officers. Dues for 2016 are due and payable.**

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

**President:** Justin Perrault  
**Secretary:** John Bleidorn  
**Sgt. at Arms:** Jeff Gaffke  
**Trustee '14-'16:** Leon Saryan  
**Librarian:** Joe Paonessa

**Vice President:** Jim Heinrich  
**Treasurer:** Lee Hartz  
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**January Coin of the Month:** This month we have an attractive 8-piece Euro coin set from Belgium, with all coins uncirculated, enclosed in a clear plastic display case. Face value is about \$5, and the starting price for bidding is just \$6.



## January 2016 MNS President's Message

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season between the week of Christmas and ringing in the New Year. Although the snow was a little late for the Christmas holiday it now seems like it will be here to stay for our continued enjoyment throughout the early part of the year. The holiday party held at the December meeting passed by very quickly, what with holding the officer elections, hosting some quality show and tell exhibits, the playing of Bingo, and eating copious amounts of pizza and other snacks. Thanks to all members who brought in something to share, making the meeting festivities that much more merry.

With another election behind us, all of the officers that were listed on the slate were voted in at the December meeting and will be sworn in at the January meeting. Thanks to everyone who is stepping up to serve their Club in their unique capacity. I look forward to working with everyone again in the coming year to make our Club the best that it can be!

Many of you may recall the Fantasy Numismatic game that many members participate in on an annual basis. That time is rolling around again, so be on the look-out for your results on last year's picks to be returned to you soon. We will then use the January issue of Coins Magazine price guide to determine which investments you want to make for the 2016 year.

Our Club once again made a donation of numismatic books and materials to a local library, this time the Oak Creek Public Library. This of course would not have been possible without the coordination of Leon S. and the financial backing of CSNS. This is an excellent way to provide educational materials to the community, and I know that the library will appreciate and make good use of this generous donation.

On a sad note, I am very sorry to report the loss of long time member and former coin dealer Bob Korosec. His sudden passing came on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the age of 80 years. Deepest condolences to his family, and his presence will certainly be missed among the hobby community.

As you can see in the newsletter calendar, with starting the New Year fresh there are many potential openings for monthly meeting programs and refreshments. Please contact myself or Jim to volunteer for one or more of these opportunities. Your assistance is kindly appreciated and it makes the meeting more enjoyable for all of the members in attendance. The start of 2016 also brings about the need to pay your annual membership dues. This is still set at the very low and reasonable amount of \$10 for regular membership, so please be sure to bring payment to the next meeting or send by mail to the Club's PO Box address.

Happy Collecting,  
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### *Editorial Reminder*

*We have had several address changes and returned envelopes in the past few months. Please be sure to inform the editor of any address updates. If you live in an apartment building, please include the unit number. Each MNS newsletter costs about \$1.70 to print and mail (no pay for the editor!!) That's a \$20 value per year for only \$10 in dues. Throw in refreshments and door prizes, and you can see that the benefits of membership outweigh the costs. Think about this when renewing your membership for year 2016.--LAS*



# MN\$ 2016

## Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2016 are held at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

## Monthly meeting programs

Jan 21:	Officer Inductions
Feb 18:	Open
March 17:	Open
April 21:	Open
April 28:	Potential CSNS Bus Trip
May 19:	Spring Auction
June 16:	Open
July 21:	NO MEETING
Aug 18:	Open
Sept 15:	Open
Oct 20:	Raffle Ticket Prize Drawing
Nov 17:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 15:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

## Annual Dues

Dues for 2016 are \$10. Please pay at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

## PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.785.7663 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

## 2016 Numismatic Events

February 28	Racine Coin Club Show
Mar 31-Apr 2	MNS/SSCC sponsored NOW show Airport Crowne Plaza 6401 S. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street Noon-6; 10-6; 10-4
April 2	MNS Boy Scout Clinic at Crowne Plaza, Volunteers needed
April 10	Madison Coin Club Show Sheraton Hotel 706 John Nolan Drive Hours: 9 AM-4 PM
April 27-30	CSNS Show in Schaumburg
October 2	MNS Coin Show at Serb Hall

## Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Dave Herrewig
Feb:	Tom Dallmann
Mar:	Open
Apr:	Open
May:	Open
Jun:	Open
Jul:	N/A
Aug:	Open
Sep:	Open
Oct:	Open
Nov:	Open
Dec:	Holiday Party

# Milwaukee Numismatic Society

## Minutes

December 17, 2015

President Justin Perrault called the 964th meeting of the MNS to order at 7:03. There were 34 members and 2 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

**Coin of the Month** – Steve Jacobson won the coin of the month, a 2002-S silver proof dime, certified by NGC Proof 69 Ultra Cameo with a bid of \$15.

**Treasurer's Report and Correspondence** – Lee reported November receipts of \$315.25 and expenses of \$412.15 for a cash flow of minus \$96.90. We received a Christmas card from member Jerry Panfil who currently lives in Colorado.

**Book Donation** - Leon S reported that the book donation to Oak Creek library is completed. He is currently waiting for a thank you letter to submit to Central States for reimbursement.

**Membership** –Joseph Learned was unanimously approved for membership.

**Central States Sponsorship** – There was a photo-op, with an over-sized check, with presidents Mike McAndrews (South Shore) and Justin Perrault (MNS) to record co-sponsorship of an exhibit award for the next Central States coin show.

**Officer Elections** – A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the By-Laws to allow for the continuation of currently sitting officers who have exceeded the allowed tenure. The proposed slate was approved by voice vote with the incoming officers being: President Justin Perrault, Vice President Jim Heinrich, Secretary John Bleidorn, Sergeant-At-Arms Jeff Gaffke, Treasurer Lee Hartz and Trustee Gary Bieringer.

**Show and Tell** – Several members brought exhibit items. Bob Mathieu brought a Gemini VII space medal and stories of James Lovell. Justin Perrault brought home a USS Milwaukee Commissioning Challenge Coin after attending that historic event. Leon shared a 1798 Large Cent. Dave Hunsicker went to the Michigan State Show and took 1<sup>st</sup> place (20 Franc gold piece) for his exhibit of coin banks. He also took Best of Show and won a scholarship to the summer ANA seminar which also includes transportation. Jeff Gaffke brought in a 3" bronze medal of the US Mint which depicts the twin towers in recognition of 9-11. Peter Jacobsohn shared some Dr. Mary Walker memorabilia. Dr. Walker was the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. It was presented to her in 1865 by President Johnson, subsequently revoked and returned to her family in 1972. Neil Shafer had a Modern (2014) Russian Commemorative – 100 Rubles for the Olympics in a sample slab. Tom Casper found an MNS 400<sup>th</sup> meeting medal (1968) in Alabama. Howard Thorpe brought in a \$1 bill with "No \$ in Politics" stamped on its face. He also brought in a West Point Medallion dated 1802 depicting the chapel of the Most Holy Trinity. Josh Whitehall updated us on the purposeful wear-and-tear on several coins and medals after one year in circulation.

A motion was made and approved by John Bleidorn to look into the possible purchase of a new laptop for the club. He will subsequently report his findings to the Board.

The meeting closed with an entertaining Bingo game with the following winners: Betty Petrovick, Mike McAndrews, Paul Kromm, Russ Konig, Darlene Anderson and Josh Whitehall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Heinrich.



## Robert Korosec - IN MEMORIAM

By Tom Casper LM 30

Robert Korosec, long-time member and past-president of MNS, passed away on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at the age of 80. Bob joined the MNS in February, 1977 and was member #593. He later became Life Member #47. In 1984-1985 he was MNS President. He was show chairman for the 1995 CSNS show.

Bob graduated from Marquette University and worked as a civil engineer for the City of West Allis for 15 years. In 1968 he opened his coin store – Bob's Coins – at 8307 W. Becher St. He remained at that location until earlier this year when he moved to 3050 S. 92<sup>nd</sup> St. He was a devoted husband to his wife Judith for 60 years.

As an active member, Bob attended almost every meeting. For many years he was a booth-holder at the MNS annual coin show. He was also a co-founder of the South Shore Coin Club, which awarded him an Honorary Life Membership #1. As a club member he was well supported by other members in his store. It was not uncommon when I was in his store to see other club members there. I visited his store often looking for pieces for my collection. I remember purchasing from him two gold love tokens which are part of my love token exhibit. Bob had something for everyone as he not only sold coins but stamps, toy cars, railroad memorabilia and other miscellaneous collectibles. At least on one occasion we met at his store when he was Show Chairman for the 1995 Central States show. I'm sure he has shared his accumulated numismatic knowledge with his daughter Sherry, and we wish her well running the store going forward.



*Robert C. Korosec*

## **Milwaukee Numismatic Society Donates Numismatic Books to Oak Creek Public Library**

Public libraries in southeastern Wisconsin have benefited greatly from the efforts of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society in the past several years. Taking advantage of the financial support of the Central States Numismatic Society, substantial collections of key current numismatic reference works have been donated to local libraries.

The program began around 2008 with a donation to the Wauwatosa Public Library organized by MNS past president Pat Bethe. Leon Saryan, MNS president from 2010 to 2013, coordinated similar donations to the Greenfield Public Library in 2010, the Franklin Public Library in 2012, and the West Bend Community Library in 2014. These donations serve the goals of MNS by providing the public with easy access to authoritative information about coins and currency and their values.

For 2015, Saryan arranged for a similar donation to be made to the Oak Creek Public Library in suburban Milwaukee. Oak Creek Public Library just moved into a brand new facility as part of that city's redevelopment project.

The donation included a large selection of the world's leading numismatic standard reference catalogs issued by Krause Publications, as well as other noteworthy reference books. The total retail value of the 2015 donation exceeds \$800. Topics covered in the collection included United States coins and paper currency, counterfeits, coin grading, five huge world coin catalogs covering 1600 to the present, and three huge world paper money catalogs. "About half of the books that we donated were the Krause Publications standard world coin and world paper money catalogs," Saryan said. "KP has the most comprehensive reference works in the numismatic publication industry, and all donated books are the most recent editions."

These massive catalogs (typically about 4 inches thick) provide the most comprehensive coverage of world coins and paper currency available anywhere. These catalogs are normally held in the library non-circulating reference shelf and are thus always available to the general public. Also included were current editions of the Red Book and specialized catalogs on covering Civil War tokens, Confederate paper money, and United States bank notes.

Oak Creek Library Director Jill Lininger wrote a letter thanking MNS for its generosity. "Yours is a lasting gift in support of literacy and knowledge in our community," she said. "Donations like yours help people change their lives through reading."

"MNS is indebted to the Central States Numismatic Society for their generosity in underwriting this program," said Saryan. "This allows us to accomplish our educational objectives and is an easy project to accomplish. CSNS member clubs should take advantage of it."

"Clubs can appoint a library donation coordinator, who then approaches candidate libraries with a proposal. If the library is interested, a local dealer can arrange to procure books, which the coordinator then delivers to the library. "We worked with Racine dealer Bill Spencer," Saryan said, "and his cooperation makes the task simple."

Paperwork confirming the donation is submitted to Ray Lockwood, CSNS Education Director, which then reimburses participating clubs up to \$500 for the cost of the books. CSNS member clubs can take advantage of the program once per year.###



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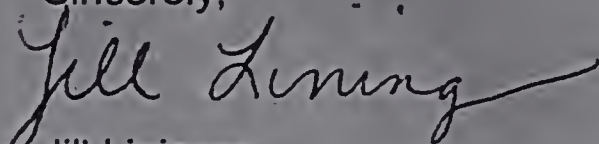
Dear Members of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society,

Thank you for your generous donation of the World Coin Catalog Collections. Our patrons will benefit from the knowledge contained within these books for years to come.

Yours is a lasting gift in support of knowledge and literacy in our community. The library serves everyone in the quest for knowledge and lifelong learning. Donations like yours help people change their lives through reading.

Thanks you again for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,



Jill Lininger  
Library Director



MNS past-president Leon Saryan presents a donated collection of numismatic reference books to Jill Lininger, Director of the Oak Creek Public Library, on Dec. 8, 2015



MNS and SSCC join forces to endow three exhibit prizes for the Central States Numismatic Society, Dec 17. Holding the ceremonial checks are (l to r) Mike McAndrews (SSCC VP), Kevin Foley (CSNS Show Chairman), and Justin Perrault (MNS president).